

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 were previously pending in the application. By the Amendment, Claims 2, 4-5 and 15 are currently amended, Claims 1, 6, 8, 11-14, 17, 19 and 21-23 are canceled without prejudice, new Claims 26-35 have been added, and Claims 3, 7, 9-10, 16, 18, 20 and 24-25 remain unchanged. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that Claims 5, 7-14, 17-20, 24 and 25 include allowable subject matter.

Allowable original Claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim. Applicants note the preamble of Claim 5 was amended to recite "An electrical kitchen appliance" instead of "In a kitchen appliance" as originally recited in Claim 1 to correspond to the remaining dependent claims. Therefore, newly-independent Claim 5 is allowable. Dependent Claims 2-4, 7, 9-10, 15-16, 18, 20 and 24-25 depend from independent Claim 5 and are allowable for the same and other reasons.

New independent Claim 26 recites a kitchen appliance, comprising: a housing; an electrical motor including an edge at least partially formed by an exterior wall of the motor; a cylindrical motor mount disposed within the housing and including: an open end for receiving the motor; at least one flexible wall segment extending axially along the mounting; and a detent disposed on the flexible wall segment and projecting radially inwardly, the detent engaging the edge to retain the motor within the motor mount.

The prior art, particularly Ross and Blessing, do not disclose a kitchen appliance as recited in Claim 26. More specifically, the prior art does not disclose, among other things, a cylindrical motor mount disposed within the housing and including: an open end for receiving the motor; at least one flexible wall segment extending axially along the mounting; and a detent disposed on the flexible wall segment and projecting radially inwardly, the detent engaging the edge to retain the motor within the motor mount.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request allowance of independent Claim 26. Claims 27-31 depend from Claim 26 and should be allowed for the same reasons and also because they recite additional patentable subject matter.

New independent Claim 32 recites a kitchen appliance, comprising: a housing; an electrical motor including multiple motor openings at least partially formed by an exterior wall of the motor; a cylindrical motor mount disposed within the housing and including: an open end for receiving the motor; multiple flexible wall segments extending axially along the mounting and spaced apart by wall slits; and multiple detents disposed on the flexible wall segments and projecting radially inwardly, each detent engaging one of the motor openings to retain the motor within the motor mount.

The prior art, particularly Ross and Blessing, do not disclose a kitchen appliance as recited in Claim 32. More specifically, the prior art does not disclose, among other things, a cylindrical motor mount disposed within the housing and including: an open end for receiving the motor; multiple flexible wall segments extending axially along the mounting and spaced apart by wall slits; and multiple detents disposed on the flexible wall segments and projecting radially inwardly, each detent engaging one of the motor openings to retain the motor within the motor mount.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request allowance of independent Claim 32. Claims 33-35 depend from Claim 32 and should be allowed for the same reasons and also because they recite additional patentable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, entry of the present Amendment and allowance of Claim 2-5, 7, 9-10, 15-16, 18, 20 and 24-35 are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned. If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

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